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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Ed Whitcomb, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were present. A quorum was present. County Coordinator Dara Worthington, County Clerk Martha “Marty” Gum, County Treasurer Molly Bettis, Sheriff Mark Oller, and States Attorney Gwen Thomas were also present. Commissioner Dalton Whitley was absent.

Chairperson Lott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included both the Regular Board Minutes and Executive Session Minutes A and B from the February 27, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

There were no unscheduled guests.

County Highway Report/Requests for Board Action

Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and updated the Board on current projects within his department.

Dowd requested approval for a Certificate of Authority by Vote to Allow the Menard County Engineer to Enter in a Joint Agreement with the State of Illinois Regarding the 2025/2026 Salt Bids. Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to make allowance for this. Commissioner Brauer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

County Sheriff’s Report/Requests for Board Action

Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance and stated the current jail census was at nine total inmates. Oller provided a brief overview on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police regarding compensatory time. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the entire board present to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

County Treasurer’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Treasurer Molly Bettis was in attendance and provided an update on her department’s activities. Bettis provided an update on the Mobile Home tax bills. She also called attention to the newly delivered FY25 budget books that were distributed and shared her appreciation of Joe Crowe’s help with the publishing of the document.

County Clerk's Report/Request for Board Action

County Clerk Martha "Marty" Gum was in attendance and provided an update on her office activities which included statistics on early voting for the April Consolidated Election.

States Attorney Report/Request for Board Action

States Attorney Gwen Thomas was in attendance and provided an update on her office activities.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance. The April billing for Sangamon County Department of Public Health was presented for payment. Commissioner Brauer made a motion for payment to be made while Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Worthington requested that Executive Session minutes from 02/23/2021 and 08/10/2021 be opened and Executive Session minutes from 08/29/2023, 08/29/2024, 01/30/2024, 07/25/2023, and 07/25/2024 remain closed. Commissioner Whitcomb made a motion to allow for such action and Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Worthington also provided the board with an update on the following: Farm Bureau building transitional planning, leases, and janitorial, the local Health Department Clinic passing IDPH inspection for vaccinations, the Health Department annual report and possible collaboration with their Emergency Preparedness, on-line payments going live, new website, new emails, new phone system, courthouse truss repair, solar lease offer, 2025 UCCI Salary Survey, and board table information. The proposed VAC was discussed. Board members will be following up at their next county board meeting regarding the VAC.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

There were no reports from individual commissioners.

Other Scheduled Topics

There were no other Scheduled Topics.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Commissioner Whitcomb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.